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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: SUBMISSION OF NEW ITEM

REFS: USUN 3009 AND 3012

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM WHICH CO-SPONSORS
OF FRIENDLY KOREAN ITEM SUBMITTED TO UN SECRETARIAT SEPT. 3:

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1 IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS TO DISCUSS THE KOREAN QUESTION IT IS BOTH IMPORTANT AND URGENT THAT IT DO SO IN A BALANCED WAY WHICH FULLY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT ALL RELEVANT ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN KOREA. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SUCH DEBATE SHOULD BE HELD IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WITH THE NEED TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

2. THE HISTORY OF THE KOREAN QUESTION, WHICH IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ANY FURTHER DEBATE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS, MAY BE USEFULLY SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE QUESTION OF KOREA FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. SINCE 1947 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS HAS CONTINUOUSLY REAFFIRMED THAT ITS OBJECTIVE IS "TO BRING ABOUT, BY PEACEFUL MEANS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED, INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC KOREA UNDER A REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT." IN 1948 THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

B. IN JUNE 1950, APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AFTER THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, WAR BROKE OUT ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IN RESPONSE TO A CALL ISSUED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, 16 MEMBER STATES FROM FIVE CONTINENTS SENT FORCES TO ASSIST IN THE DEFENSE OF SOUTH KOREA. THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WAS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON JULY 7, 1950.

C. IN 1953 THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED. SINCE THEN, THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, AS A SIGNATORY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, HAS CONTINUED TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IS PRESENT IN KOREA AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND HAS NOT INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE HOST COUNTRY.

D. ON JULY 4, 1972, WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE, DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA WAS OPENED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS DIALOGUE HAS BEEN TO ACHIEVE THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA.

3. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR REACHED A CONSENSUS WHICH ACHIEVED THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT

OF ALL MEMBER STATES. IN THIS CONSENSUS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE ISSUANCE OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE BY THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA AND EXPRESSED THE GENERAL HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE URGED TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE AND WIDEN THEIR MANY-SIDED EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION. THE CONSENSUS ALSO INCLUDED THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA (UNCURK). BOTH THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA FULLY ENDORSED THIS CONSENSUS.

4. THE ONLY PART OF THIS CONSENSUS IMPLEMENTED SO FAR HAS BEEN THE DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK. THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, HOWEVER, HAS MADE NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN SPITE OF REPEATED PROPOSALS FROM THE SOUTH KOREAN SIDE TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. AT THE SAME TIME THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE TENDED TO EXACERBATE EXISTING TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY THAT THE REMAINING PART OF THE CONSENSUS URGING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA BE IMPLEMENTED.

5. IT IS FOR THE ABOVE REASONS THAT THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS LETTER REQUEST THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AN ITEM ENTITLED:
"URGENT NEED TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE CONSENSUS OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE KOREA QUESTION
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AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA."

6. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE ATTACHED DRAFT RESOLUTION IS THE MOST REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEP WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COULD TAKE IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO MOVE TOWARDS THE GOAL OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT AND IS STILL ENCOURAGING.
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